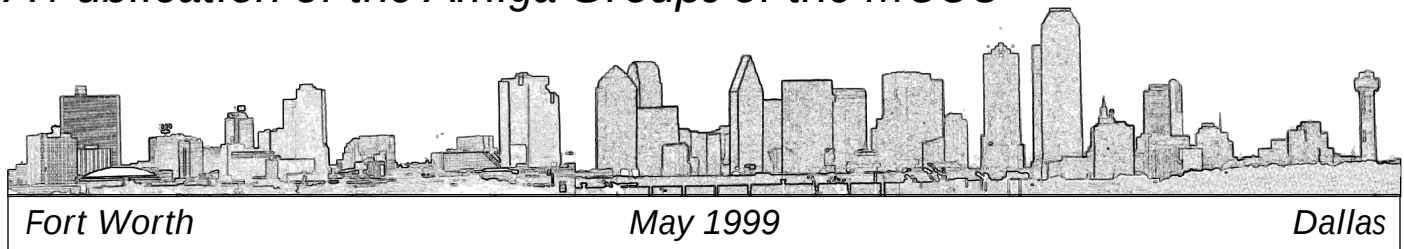


The AGM Connection

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Update on major activities

Operations/Planning:

- 1) We have combined Amiga, Inc and Amiga Intl under a single corporate entity. The name of the new company is simply Amiga. Amiga Intl is a subsidiary of Amiga and will remain in Germany under Petro's leadership. As part of this we have combined our Web sites into a single Web site.
- 2) We have secured funding for a significant budget to drive our plans.
- 3) Our executive headquarters have been moved to San Diego.
- 4) We are opening up San Jose engineering facilities to support our rapid engineering expansion.

New Staff:

- 1) In February we officially hired Dr. Allan Havemose as VP of S/W engineering.
- 2) In February we also hired Jim Von Holle as VP of OEM Sales and marketing.
- 3) Allan has hired Richard Lipes from Silicon Graphics as a director of S/W engineering for graphics and A/V.
- 4) Within 2 weeks I will announce a new Chief Technology Officer (CTO) and VP of advanced technology (you will be impressed) as well as a new VP of finance and operations (you will be impressed again).
- 5) In the next few weeks we will begin advertising in major newspapers to recruit engineering resources for our San Jose facility.

Major Development Programs:

- 1) O/S 3.5 — This product is being developed by Haage & Partner under contract from Amiga. The target release date is late July or early August. We will also be talking to Amiga hardware development companies about possibilities for hardware products targeted at the O/S 3.5 release.
- 2) AmigaSoft® Operating Environment (OE) — We are developing our next generation operating environment including operating system, user interface, and some revolutionary software structures to be disclosed at a

later date. Target beta version is 3Q99 with final in late 4Q99.

- 3) Next generation hardware architecture — Being developed as a foundation for all next generation Amiga products.
- 4) AmigaSoft® development system — This is planned in 3Q99 along with the beta release of the new AmigaSoft® Operating Environment.
- 5) Initial next generation computer — We are developing the next generation computer that will be used to launch the next generation systems architecture and operating environment. Target release date is late 4Q99.

Shows and Community Activities:

- 1) Amiga had a strong presence at the St. Louis show. We also spent a significant amount of time talking to leaders in the Amiga community.
- 2) I am planning a trip to Germany and the U.K. in late April in order to discuss future Amiga plans with leaders of the Amiga community in Europe. Petro is coordinating this.
- 3) We are working on supporting and getting finalized plans for a 1999 World of Amiga show in London.
- 4) We are planning for the Cologne show in November.
- 5) We are planning for the Las Vegas Comdex in November.
- 6) Petro is developing reseller, distributor, and magazine support programs to help the Amiga community.
- 7) We are also working on some user group support programs.

AmigaOS 3.5

Martin Heine, AUGS

Here are some more details regarding OS 3.5 as revealed by Haage&Partner at the AUGS meeting — as usual aimed as a piece of first info in Germenglisch until someone tells you all this in an official statement in correct English.

Internet: A special version of AWeb will be the Browser (like I said) and the TCP/IP-stack will be Miami (unlike I said). Integrated Network-support. The E-Mail-API and the simple E-Mail-Client will be from the >

author of Voodoo and New York.

Workbench: Regarding our topic "Moving of the Icons" was said that it wouldn't be necessary anymore to use the Shift-Key when moving more than one icon. An "Unselect" will be possible when more than one icon is selected. All Preferences programs will get the new Reaction-surface. The Submenus of the WB will be optimized for a better handling.

Icon Library: When selecting, the icons will start to "glow"; when dragging them they'll get semi-transparent. Via the "Info" option it will now also be possible to set the process-priority. The current and the New Icons will be supported. The ApplIcons will now be able to be animated.

Reaction: The Tool Reactor will enable software-authors to use the new Reaction-surface with their own software. One of the highlights of Reaction is the possibility to have a color-gradient in the background of a window. Also, bugs in the asl.library will be removed. >

PowerPC: WarpUp will be integrated in its latest version. An important part will be the Preferences settings which will complement the integration.

Installer: The installer will be able to be opened on its own screen. This screen can have a color-gradient (where did I see this before...). New will be the possibility to go steps backward during installation.

Printers: The printer-support will be redesigned completely, so that 24-bit-printing will be possible on the WB. CyberGraphX and Picasso96 will be supported. There will be only one Printer-Setting in the future, which will also have a preview-window showing immediately the changed settings.

Datatypes: Reworked and improved, now also 24-bit-capable. New are datatypes for AIFF, JPG and GIF. Complete rework of the AmigaGuide datatype. The documentation will be in HTML in German and English. Release date is still August. First Beta-Tests will start in 3 weeks. AmigaOS 3.5 will be delivered on CD-ROM.

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May Calendar

- May 11 — Amiga By-The-Loop Chapter
7:30 pm — Bell Helicopter Training Facility
Trinity at Norwood, Hurst
- May 11 — MCCC Board of Director's Meeting
Approx. 10:00 pm — TGI Friday's
Loop 820 & Bedford Euless Road
- May 20 — Amiga North Dallas Chapter
7:30 pm — SMU Building
Collins Blvd. & International Pkwy, Richardson
- May 22 — Newsletter Deadline — 7:00 am

Membership Watch

Expired April, 1999

Thomas Dye
Kevin Riley
Mark Siedle

Douglas Guinn
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Allan Casanova

Jeff Robinson

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